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Symptom relief

Changes to testing guidelines for school-age children lessens pressure on parents, health workers

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

"Thank goodness guidelines have changed, easier on families for sure," said Dr. Norm Bottum after the provincial government updated screening protocols for children last week, amending a COVID-19 screening policy to focus on a shorter list of symptoms than before for kids attending childcare or school.

"Prior to [the Oct. 1] announcement, the self assessment tool listed about 17 symptoms and said if your child has one of these symptoms persisting for more than a few hours, and for whom the symptoms are new and not related to seasonal allergies or pre-existing medical conditions, [they] may stay home and/or return home if symptoms appear during the school day," said Sinead Fegan, Trillium Lakelands District School Board communications. "Now, the updated Ministry of Health's Ontario COVID-19 self-assessment tool for children in school has two sets of questions about symptoms that may yield different next steps depending on which symptoms are selected. The symptom list also no longer includes abdominal pain or pink eye."

"Ensuring that children can attend school with minimal interruption is an important part of their healthy growth

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View from the top

Kelly and Clay Bryant enjoy the changing leaves from the vantage point of the Crests of Kennis trail over the weekend. The couple brought their daughters to the Haliburton Highlands for a weekend getaway. /AVA BRYANT Special to the Echo

Santa Claus Parade on hiatus for 2020

JENN WATT

Editor

Santa will still come to Haliburton this year, but just like everything else during the coronavirus pandemic, the way he does so will look different.

On Tuesday, Sept. 29, the Haliburton BIA and the Haliburton and District Lions Club came to the decision that the Santa Claus Parade would not be happening in Haliburton Village in 2020, though plans are in the works to bring St. Nick to the kids in another way.

"We just felt it was time that we had to pull the plug on it," said Jim Frost, an organizer with the Lions Club. "... just about every other small town in Ontario has cancelled theirs. ... Fenelon Falls, the close ones, Bobcaygeon, they've all pulled the plug."

The parade was to have taken place on Nov. 20. In Haliburton Village, the Santa Claus Parade is a well attended event, with many behind the scenes organizers as well as strong participation in the floats.

BIA president Luke Schell said the decision was difficult to make, but in the interest of safety, it was best not to have the parade this year.

"We are disappointed to have to cancel our Santa Claus parade for 2020," he wrote in an email to the *Echo*. "We had planned and prepared the event at a reduced level in hopes that we might be able to have a lovely 'small town parade.'

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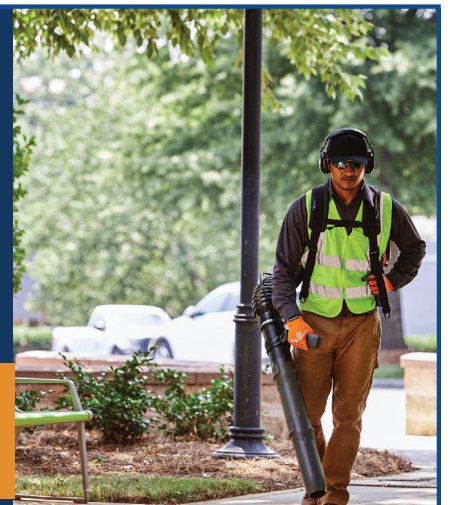
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Sampling near old mine sites finds ‘no expected health impacts’

JENN WATT

Editor

Results from sediment and water sampling at three decommissioned mine sites in the area around Cardiff and Bancroft conducted in 2019 show the public and environment are protected, information released last month by the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission says.

The Independent Environmental Monitoring Program, mandated under the Nuclear Safety and Control Act, requires that staff from the nuclear safety commission collect samples for independent testing and analysis.

In the case of the three local mines – Dyno, Bicroft, and Madawaska – samples focus on radioactive and hazardous contaminants.

“The IEMP involves taking samples from public areas around the facilities, and measuring and analyzing the amount of radioactive and hazardous substances in those samples,” information from the nuclear safety commission reads.

The Dyno decommissioned mine is in the area of Farrel Lake in the southeast corner of Haliburton County. The mill there operated between 1958 and 1960 and consists of capped mine openings, mine tailings, and a containment dam. EWL Management Ltd. manages the site.

The Madawaska decommissioned mine is just south of the town of Bancroft and operated from 1957 to 1982. It is also managed by EWL, which began rehabilitation and maintenance work on two tailings management areas in 2015 as well as some “underground workings,” according to the online report.

The Bicroft decommissioned mine site is managed by Barrick Gold Corporation and was constructed to contain tailings from nearby mining operations at the Bicroft mine, which operated from 1956 to 1962. Remedial work was done in 1980 and the dams upgraded in the ‘90s.

Of the samples taken, the report states that all were within safe limits with the exception of two water samples at the Madawaska site.

“Some historical sites are being monitored because they exceed guidelines. The sampling stations which exceeded uranium guidelines were BM07-W07 (29.5 µg/L) and BM09-W09 (20.12 µg/L) both of which were situated downstream of the Madawaska site,” said a CNSC media representative in response to questions on Monday. “These water samples are above the guideline for aquatic life (15µg/L) and slightly above but well within the range of safety margins incorporated into the Ontario drinking water standard (20µg/L; US EPA guideline = 30 µg/L), therefore, the environment remains safe.

It should also be noted that none of the samples taken were from locations that should be used as untreated drinking water sources. These results are consistent with the results submitted by the licensee as part of their environmental monitoring program.

“Multiple environmental and human health assessments have been completed by the licensee and/or federal-provincial authorities over the last two decades for this site, all of which have demonstrated that the environment and the public are protected. Uranium concentrations have significantly decreased since decommissioning of Madawaska with improvement over the last two decades. Madawaska is currently completing significant upgrades to their tailings cover designs, which will further diminish uranium levels in this system.”

Licensees must also conduct their own environmental protection programs and compliance is verified by the nuclear safety commission. To ensure members of the public do not access the properties,

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IEMP results from 2019 indicate that the public and the environment around the Bancroft mine sites are protected and there are no expected health impacts.

– Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission report

signage is posted at the gates and in some cases, gates are also security patrolled.

“IEMP results from 2019 indicate that the public and the environment around the Bancroft mine sites are protected and there are no expected health impacts,” the report concludes.

Barnum Creek Nature Reserve to open mid–October

JENN WATT

Editor

Kilometres of hiking trails, mixed forest, wetlands, open field and a picturesque waterfall will be accessible for the general public when Barnum Creek Nature Reserve opens on Friday, Oct. 16.

The 500-acre property, donated to the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust by Leopoldina and Margaret Dobrzensky in 2018, has been undergoing trail work in preparation for the day it opens to the public and now includes a kiosk, signage and marked trails.

A grand opening for the property is happening the day prior, by invitation only due to COVID-19 restrictions.

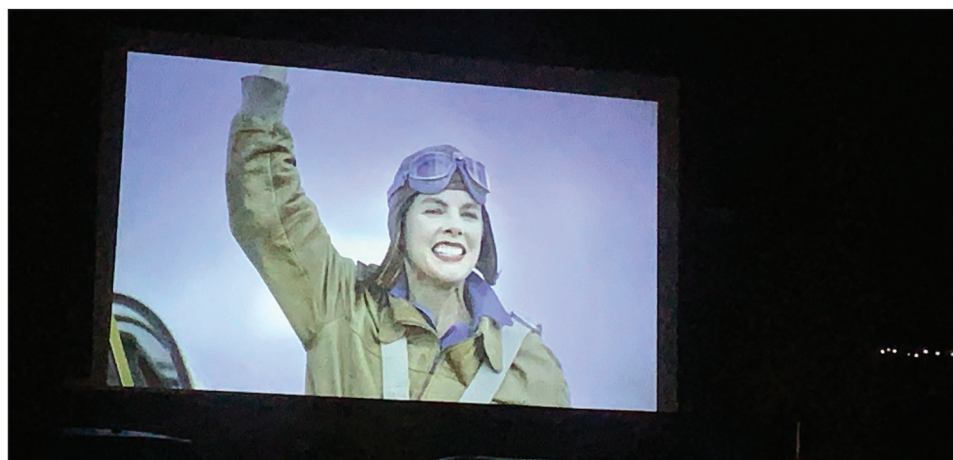
“We are thrilled to see the spirit of our donation come alive,” the Dobrzenskys

said in a statement distributed by the land trust. “We hope the joy and peace it has given our family is passed on to others who visit the land and enjoy all it has to offer.”

In addition to the 500 acres, the Dobrzenskys have also entered into a conservation easement agreement on an additional 100 acres. Some of the Barnum Creek property is still private and not available for public use.

Aside from providing access to the property for the community’s benefit, the land trust also manages and protects its properties in perpetuity.

Barnum Creek is one of five land trust properties in Haliburton County and is the third one to be opened to the public. The Dahl Forest near Gelert includes walking trails, while Norah’s Island on Kennis Lake (accessible only by boat) permits day use such as picnics.



Supporters of the short film *Boundless* were invited to a private screening at the Abbey Gardens Little Pit Drive-In on Oct. 2. The film, created by Haliburton’s Kate Campbell, tells the story of women pilots during the Second World War. It is being entered into film festivals around the world. /Photo submitted by Tammy Rea

Women pilots’ story airs at *Boundless* private screening

JENN WATT

Editor

Supporters of *Boundless*, a film by creator/director Kate Campbell of Haliburton, came out to the Little Pit Drive-In at Abbey Gardens on Friday, Oct. 2 for a private screening.

Boundless, a short film about women pilots during the Second World War, is being entered into international film festivals. Although the story is fiction, women pilots did serve during the war, a piece of history frequently overlooked.

The score was created with musicians playing individually for Nick Russell, the sound engineer, who sent the recordings to L.A., where they were put together by

the composer, said Tammy Rea of Sticks and Stones Productions.

“The first time the musicians heard the music being played as a group was hearing it in this screening,” she said via email.

Three local women were involved with the shoot: Anabelle Craig, Joey Varga and Hannah Sadlier.

“The 10-minute short stars Dini Petty,” Rea said, “the first woman to broadcast traffic and fly the helicopter at the same time. She flew her pink helicopter to deliver traffic reports in Toronto at the start of her career.”

Local organizations supporting the project include HCDC, the Haliburton Legion and the Haliburton County Folk Society.

Updated: Oct. 5, 2020 – 2:55 pm

This is the cumulative data on confirmed COVID-19 cases in the HKPR District Health Unit area.

	Haliburton	City of Kawartha Lakes	Northumberland	HKPRDHU
Confirmed Cases	17	182	45	244
Current Probable Cases+	0	0	0	0
Current High Risk Contacts+	4	1	6	11
Hospitalizations (Total to Date)	1	11	3	15
Resolved**	16	161	42	219
Not Resolved	1	2	2	5
Deaths	0	32	1	33
Current Outbreaks	0	0	0	0

As of Oct. 5, there is one active confirmed case of COVID-19 in Haliburton County, according to data released by the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit. Sixteen previously reported cases have been resolved. /Screenshot from hkpr.on.ca.

Kids visiting assessment centre mostly have mild symptoms

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and development," Dr. David Williams, chief medical officer of health for the province, said in a government press release on Oct. 1. "Based on a review of the current evidence and consulting with paediatric infectious diseases experts, we are updating the list of symptoms in the COVID-19 screening tool for schools and child care to ensure that our children receive the education and care that they need while minimizing the risk of COVID-19 transmission."

The first set of screening questions asks about symptoms such as fever or persistent cough. Students with these symptoms are still advised to stay home, consult with a medical provider to receive an alternative diagnosis or receive a negative COVID-19 test. The second set of questions monitors symptoms such as a runny nose or headache. If children have one of those symptoms they are advised to stay home for 24 hours, returning to school if the symptom improves. Children with two or more of those symptoms are advised to stay home until they are able to see a doctor for an alternative diagnosis, or receive a negative COVID-19 test.

"Parents/guardians must screen their child for symptoms every day before they come to school," reads an Oct. 2 update to the Trillium Lakelands District School Board website. "Please disregard the School Attendance: A Resource for Families two-page handout TLDSB schools sent home last week, and moving forward, use the Ontario government's COVID-19 Screening Tool for Children in School for daily screening."

On Wednesday of last week, Bottum was at Haliburton's COVID-19 assessment centre, which saw about 13 kids – some in a separate testing area in the Haliburton Highlands Health Services building, some through the drive-through testing site – for COVID-19 testing that day, at least 35 kids that week.

"The rules are now, that if the kids aren't well they either have to isolate for two weeks or they have to be cleared with a COVID swab and be free of symptoms," he said at that time. "A lot of parents are choosing to get their children swabbed so they can get back to school earlier. We've seen a lot of kids with two or three days with queasy stomachs or sniffles and then they feel better, but until they have that COVID swab they can't go back."

Bottum said the influx of kids had increased the busyness and numbers at the assessment centre, which increased hours to be open five days rather than three days a week last week in part because of the additional population coming in.

"I think that's part of it, I think there's maybe a few

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That's really one of the concerns isn't it, if COVID ends up coming through kids and they share it with their family, it can spread pretty quickly.

— Dr. Norm Bottum

more adults that are having symptoms now," said Bottum. "We don't know if their kids are bringing it to them or their grandkids. That's really one of the concerns isn't it, if COVID ends up coming through kids and they share it with their family, it can spread pretty quickly. The thing with kids is that their symptoms tend to be fairly mild, so a runny nose could be COVID-19."

The next day, the daily health assessment plan changed.

"We have had a number of children with only one symptom lasting only a day or two," said Bottum. "Based on recommendations, we have to trust that these cases have a low probability of being COVID-19 cases. They still have to be well or significantly better to return to school."

In Ontario, as of Oct. 2, 318 schools, about seven per cent of the province's 4,828 public schools, are currently listed on the province's data tracking website as having a reported case of COVID-19, with 483 cases being reported in total – 262 of those cases are students, 84 are staff and 137 individuals have not been identified as staff or student. Three schools have closed. In child care centres and homes, 156 cases have been reported in total, 87 of those related to kids, 69 related to staff. To date, 42 centres have been closed and 227 homes closed while currently 68 centres of 5,163 have a confirmed case and 15 centres are currently closed. As of Oct. 2, 90,000 tests

done in the province were still in line at the lab to be investigated, a record backlog since the pandemic began.

At the local testing centre, there are a couple of different testing options used – one a deep swab in the nose, the other that doesn't go as far back.

"Both are irritating," said Bottum. "But kids by-and-large are pretty good ... parents I think have really spent a lot of time getting their kids prepared that it's going to be uncomfortable, but we need to do this, and we need to do this before you can go back to school. Kids have been really impressive as to how they've been tolerating it."

Bottum said both schools and medical professionals are working to get the tests done and get kids back to school.

"Most have had very minimal symptoms," he said. "I've been on today and I haven't seen any sick, sick kids, but they have had symptoms that could be consistent with a virus, which could be consistent with COVID-19 or any other virus."

While the test is not necessarily a pleasant experience for kids, Bottum said getting it done and getting the results back – which is currently taking about four to five days – can be quicker for students and parents rather than isolating for two weeks.

"Some of these parents are just getting back to work, so having to take two weeks off after having just gone back to work is difficult," he said. "I think they want to be able to get their children back to school for their sake, but also for the parent's sake to return to work."

Bottum also soothed worries that attending the test centre for a test was putting people at risk of contracting COVID-19, with health-care providers changing PPE and disinfecting the room between each patient.

"The odds of that are basically zero," he said.

For further information on COVID-19 cases in schools and child care centres as recorded by the Ontario government, visit <https://www.ontario.ca/page/covid-19-cases-schools-and-child-care-centres>. Further information on school screening is available at <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>. Parents with questions have been asked by the school board to contact their child's school.



Rotarians mark 60th anniversary of locomotive

Members of the Rotary Club of Haliburton stand in front of the 2616 locomotive in Haliburton to mark the 60th anniversary of its installation in town. The steam locomotive, which made its last trip from Lindsay to Belleville in 1959 was transferred to the Haliburton Rotary Club by Canadian National Railways in 1960. /Photo by Lorry Brandon




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Water Ambassadors fundraiser surpasses its goal

JENN WATT

Editor

Despite the rain, about a dozen people came out to the Water Ambassadors Canada walk in Haliburton on Sunday, Oct. 4, with about 60 in total around Ontario, raising funds for clean drinking water and sanitation equipment in places such as South and Central America and Africa.

Organizer Ursula Devolin said the event surpassed the local Haliburton goal of \$10,000. More than \$27,000 was raised across the province.

In addition to providing clean drinking water, Water Ambassadors Canada's work is specifically assisting with mitigating COVID-19 spread through the provision

of hand-washing stations. According to United Nations figures, basic water services are absent from a quarter of health-care facilities around the world.

"WAC has worked with partners in Uganda to help provide hand washing stations outside public buildings," Devolin said. "We all know how important hand washing is, especially during a pandemic. We have the ability to help slow or stop the spread of coronavirus in places that lack adequate health care in the first place. A lot of the places we work in have no ventilators – we all need to work together to reduce the spread, and clean water and soap is [an important] way to fight it."



Above, David and Ann Lowry of Bracebridge walk with Barry Hart, middle, founder of Water Ambassadors Canada at the charity's walkathon in Glebe Park in Haliburton on Sunday, Oct. 4. The fundraiser will provide water and sanitation equipment to people who need it the most in Central and South America and Africa.

Right, June Devolin and granddaughter, Molly Devolin. Participants had the opportunity to carry buckets or jugs of water to represent the water many people have to carry daily. /Photo courtesy of Ursula Devolin



A child washes up at the hygiene station in Uganda. Water Ambassadors Canada helped supply the hand washing equipment outside the public building. /Photo courtesy of Ursula Devolin

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Reporting in small places

SMALL THINGS matter and small places matter. And in a time when we are overloaded with information pouring through the screens of our smartphones, laptops and tablets, having journalists who can sift through that information matters more than ever.

I recently had the privilege of giving a presentation to members of the Haliburton chapter of CFUW about the experience of being an editor in rural Ontario, looking after several weekly papers. After much contemplation about what aspects of my job I would highlight during the Zoom call, I thought about one of the more common wisecracks I hear when I tell someone I work in community news.

"What was this week's front page story? A new stop sign in town?" The tone is lighthearted, and the jokester is usually well meaning, but the underlying message is that small towns and small issues aren't that serious.

Those who read our paper weekly know that there is far more to report on than new stop signs – especially this year, as we all twist and turn our lives to accommodate the pandemic protocols – but also that there is value in reading about something as small as new traffic measures. A new stop sign, after all, could mean improved safety; a resolution to years-long advo-

cacy by neighbours; an indication that the government is taking concerns seriously. A single stop sign could save a life.

Of course, each week we report on things that are objectively bigger news than a stop sign: new developments planned for town, funding issues in the health-care sector, classroom sizes in our schools, COVID-19 testing protocols, how the pandemic has affected our community's men-

tal health, what local community members are accomplishing, what the children in the county are doing, how we're all faring in good times and in bad. But that doesn't mean there isn't value in reporting on "small" things, too.

It's this mix of big and small news that makes community papers important and, I would argue,

more fun to read. We provide you with the information you need to know to be an informed citizen in this community, and also the information that's good to know to connect you with your friends and neighbours.

The week of Oct. 4 to 10 is National Newspaper Week in Canada – a time to recognize the importance of properly collected, professionally presented news. It's something we take seriously at the *Haliburton Echo* and our sister paper the *Minden Times* and we are thankful for the support of the readers and the wider community as we go about making the paper each week.



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Editorial



Autumn reflections (Green Lake)

by Darren Lum

The outdoor potlucks

IN HIS BOOK, *Embers - One Ojibway's Meditations*, Richard Wagamese has a chapter on Gratitude. In one of his entries he says "he is learning that happiness is an emotion that's a result of circumstances. Joy though, is based on a spiritual engagement with the world based on gratitude." He then goes on to acknowledge that it is the little things that make him feel grateful and joyful. I think we can all relate to that.

Looking at the colours for the past few weeks has been a gift. Walking my dog. Coming home to beautiful flowers in a vase on the counter from my husband. A good cup of coffee. A visit in person or on Zoom with friends. So many opportunities to be full of thanks.

Last night my friends and I celebrated a couple of birthdays. We bundled up in our long johns, hats, mitts, coats and gathered around the campfire for a yummy outdoor potluck dinner. The food was amazing as usual and a delicious birthday cake was had by all. I am always grateful for these times. We had a good conversation about how our dinner parties are going to evolve over the next few months. A couple of people are creating outdoor living rooms with lights with a main campfire and a couple of fires in garbage cans so people can spread out. Someone suggested we all make chair liners from pieces of foam or old insulate pads. We had a conversation about having a "party pack" that you take to every event filled with stuff like a blanket, sleeping bag, hat and extra warm stuff to

be prepared if you get cold. Finally we all acknowledged that our dinner parties will get shorter at times as it gets colder. We all agreed that we want to make the effort to stay connected and to eat together and we are willing to try.

My current favourite line to say is, "this is not the end of the story." How we have to live now is not the end of our story. We are all evolving and responding and being creative and that all comes from within. Our story will keep evolving. Our

intention to stay connected and eat good food doesn't rely on the government or external activities. It comes from our hearts. Being grateful for the little things and each other, and making them happen.

This weekend is Thanksgiving and it is a great opportunity to talk about what you are grateful for, and how you can stay connected. Sharing ideas and

talking about what you need to stay strong. We are all different and need to say what is going to help. My star gazing friend (who we are grateful for always keeping us informed) gave us some great sky news to look out for in the next month. The planet Mars is only days away from making its closest approach to Earth. It is in the eastern sky in the early evening and it is best seen on Oct. 13, but you can watch it starting tonight. Also, there are two full moons in October which is rare and therefore called the blue moons. I am always grateful for the evening sky. I will be outside by a campfire soaking it in! Happy Thanksgiving all.

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Besties

MAYBE IT'S the just the pandemic, but lately, as everyone around me has practiced extreme social distancing, I've had plenty of time to think about my life. And one of the things I realized was that I need to be closer to my partner Jenn.

That way, neither of us has to yell.

Also, I thought it would be nice if we were truly best friends.

I know. All couples say they are best friends, but the truth of it is that's rarely the case. Otherwise, you'd see a lot more people wearing "I'm with stupid" T-shirts. Because, in my experience at least, that's what best friends do.

This is why the other day I walked up to Jenn and said, "I know we say we are best friends, but I'd really like it if we were truly best friends."

"Aww," she said. "That's sweet."

"It sure is, you doorknob!" I replied. Then I burped.

At first, Jenn was rendered speechless by my response. I'm guessing that's mostly because I'm not the type of guy who throws around terms of endearment willy-nilly. Yet – and

I'm not totally ruling out that it wasn't because of the burp – Jenn also seemed a little confused.

That's why I decided to explain what I was doing to her.

"You might be wondering why I called you doorknob?" I began. "Well, it's because when guys have best friends, one of the first things we do is call each other names that we wouldn't call other people we actually respect. This shows a level of familiarity and comfort," I said. "It says we can be honest with each other and just blurt out the first thing that feels really good."

"Honestly?" she answered.

"Sure thing, you hockey puck!" I replied.

"I'm not so sure I like that," she said.

I understood completely. That level of sentimentality is hard to take. That's why I thought I'd ask Jenn a question about how she would like to approach our newfound best friendship.

"How do women act around their best friends?" I said.

"Well, we try to be really good listeners and something, something, something....." she replied.

That's when I realized we were halfway there. Yes, if we kept making this sort of progress, we would soon be able to high-five each other after farts.

But, despite that lofty reward, I think we both also understood that this was not going to be easy. Heck, I tried all the standard best friend stuff. I asked her if she wanted to see something really gross. I bragged about the time I caught a bigger fish. I forgot her birthday. I buried my true emotions. I asked her to describe the worst rash she's ever had. And I even gave her multiple opportunities to pull my finger. And I told her she was "full of it" every story she told. You know, all the standard best friend stuff.

In response, she rolled her eyeballs and then asked me to move a piece of furniture, mow the lawn and watch a television show that was educational with her. It was almost as if she never had a best friend before. She also told me something else, but I got distracted by a dog scooting across the lawn, so I missed it.

And just so you don't think I'm a total jerk, I interrupted to point it out to her.

That's when I realized that, despite the alcohol-induced sentiments of wedding speeches – a husband and wife can never be best friends in the classical sense. That's a good thing because most of us can hardly live with our best friends for four days at hunt camp.

So I broke the news to her.

"Jenn," I said. "I don't think this best friend thing is going to work out for us."

She said, "Of course it isn't, you doorknob."



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Loon Tales



pic of the past

This photo was taken at Skyline Park in Haliburton circa 1958. The town sure looks different than it did then, but some readers may be able to identify similarities to today. In the photo are Nancy Best, Diane Kellett and the third person's name isn't confirmed, but may be Eleanor. Submitted by Nancy Hunnel (Best). Do you have a pic of the past to share? Bring it to the Echo office or email it to jenn@haliburtonpress.com.

letters to the editor

LTC Day of Action planned

The Haliburton-CKL Long-Term Care Coalition invites you to join us in support of our LTC Day of Action Drive-In, Thursday, Oct. 8, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. We will meet at the municipal parking lot across from Baked and Battered. Please bring a sign if you can to place on your vehicle.

Due to COVID-19 regulations, only 25 attendees are permitted to attend and we will be monitoring numbers. We ask that you please remain in your vehicle during the event.

To register or for more information please email Terry Hartwick hartwickterry@gmail.com.

This event is in solidarity with The Ontario Health Coalition Day of Action on Long-Term Care. Thank you in advance for your support. 'Our Seniors Matter'.

Bonnie Roe
Organizer

Thanksgiving plans in 2020

For some people, Thanksgiving 2020 may look different than in years past. The *Echo* reached out to readers on our Facebook page, asking "What are you and your family planning this year to celebrate the holiday?" Here are some of the answers we received.

Darlene Harrison

Staying home within our household and calling our daughters and grandchildren

Kelly Paradie

I'm preparing a turkey dinner for my mother. She will be picking it up and taking it home to enjoy

Tina M. Billings

Cutting wood, splitting it, loading it, driving it, unloading it, piling it, followed by a traditional Thanksgiving dinner with our two daughters [and] their spouses and the best

part: the grandkids. 2020 will be another year to remember! Be safe, be positive, be thankful, be kind

Allison Cox

Outdoor BBQ with Thanksgiving flavoured burgers

Nancy Brownsberger

We're going camping, just the four of us. And I couldn't be happier

Tammy J Graham

If weather permits, dinner on the pontoon!

Elaine McBride

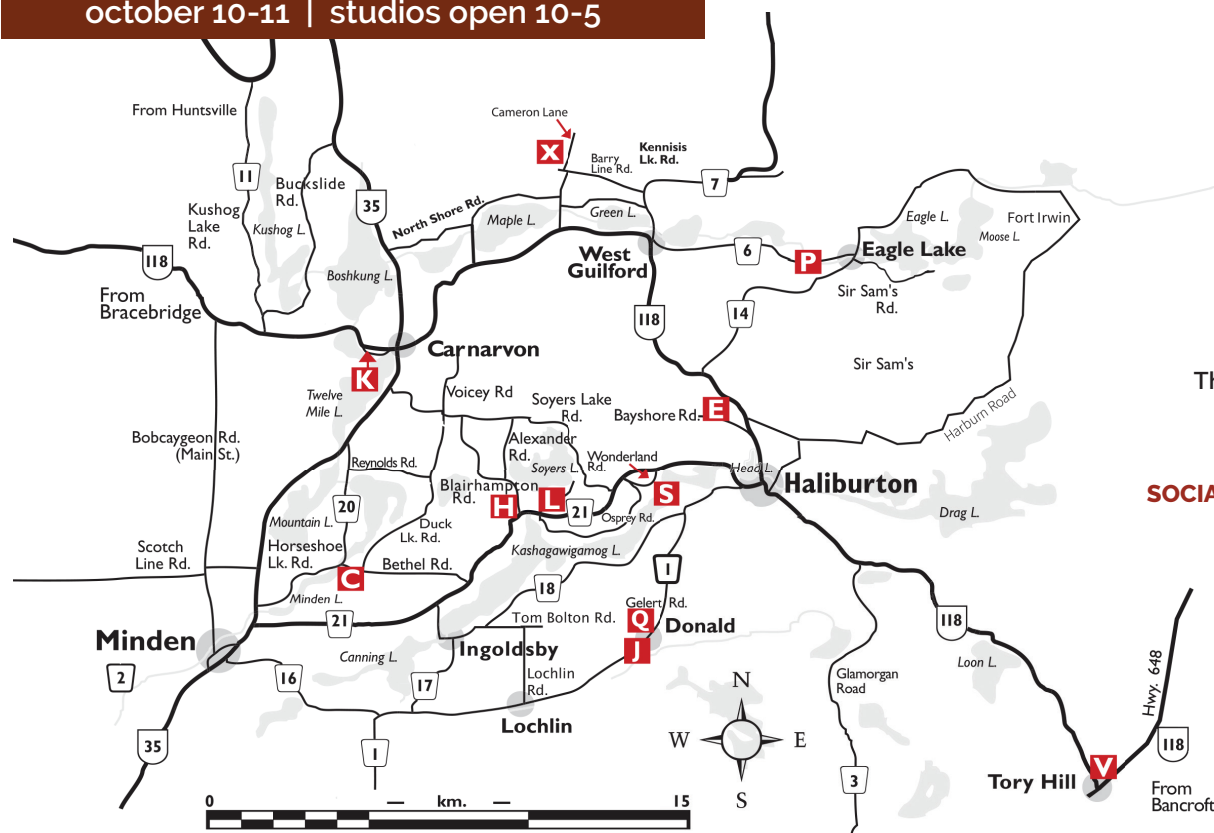
Our children and grandchildren are all out of town/province, so we will have telephone calls. We will, as in all other years, thank God for all our blessings! May all readers give thanks for their blessings!



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opinion you'd like to share?

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THE Studio TOUR

HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS

The artists not listed on this page are opting out of this year's Studio Tour due to the continuing COVID-19 situation. Their information can still be found on our website.

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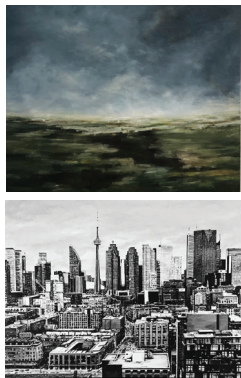
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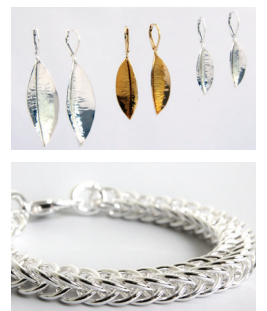
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Studio Tour busy despite COVID-19

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Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

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Low rates of COVID-19 infection bolsters belief in Storm season

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

The Highland Storm are moving forward with their season despite the Greater Toronto Hockey League's announcement on Saturday that they're postponing the start of their season until January due to concerns about COVID-19.

With 289 coronavirus cases in Toronto on Monday and just 17 (15 resolved) in Haliburton County, the contrast in case numbers is why the Highland Storm started their season, said president Jason Morissette.

"At this time we fortunately have very low numbers which is allowing us to begin hockey this week. We will take things a day at a time and encourage all of our members to adhere to community and OHF (Ontario Hockey Federation) COVID protocols to reduce the chances for community spread and allow players to continue to play. Things are of course changing day by day and members have been informed to be prepared for any potential changes in hockey planning and policy," he said in a text sent Monday, as a response to the GTHL's decision.

The Storm's 170 registered players will begin holding practices for its 25 teams, divided into their respective divisions over the next two weeks before they commence their season of three-on-three games. The season will be run with COVID-19 protocols implemented

in a plan approved by the Ontario Minor Hockey Association and developed in conjunction with the Municipality of Dysart et al. The plan met the "requirements of the Ontario Hockey Federation Return to Hockey Framework, as it relates to the phase 2 stage 3B that allows minor hockey associations to conduct, with the approval of the OMHA, instructional training for players and modified non-contact play," reads the Storm's COVID-19 Return to Hockey Plan posted on Sept. 16.

Morissette said the main goals for this season are to provide a safe environment for players to have fun, develop skills, and experience fairness in games, which he said will be a challenge because the plan to play includes combining age groups, Morissette said.

Giving children and youth an opportunity for organized play is important since COVID-19 has cancelled other sports; sport provides physical and psychological benefits, Morissette said.

Currently, the Storm's plan to play includes nine players to one coach and trainer on the bench while on-ice activities will include 18 players and two goalies, and up to four coaches. Only one person per player is allowed to watch from the stands. Those in the stands are required to wear a mask and socially distance from others, which will reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission and allow parents/guardians, or local media, an opportunity to be present for games.

"That could change. Adults have to remember at the start of this we had a rule

in place that was going to be no parents, but then that opened up and other regions were starting to do that and they are still doing that so we'll still be doing this," Morissette said. "So, yes, if certain members, for instance media, yes, of course we want media to see the kids, have memories and take pictures and have articles. We'll still be doing that."

Like it is everywhere, when people enter the arena they must wear a mask, including players, who will remove their mask while playing.

Dressing to play will look vastly different than the norm. Players are expected to arrive at the arena dressed in their equipment except for gloves, skates and their helmet. Players will proceed to a chair to finalize their dress, lacing up skates, putting on gloves and helmets. Access to the washroom in change rooms will be limited to one person at a time. Players 10 and under who require assistance from a parent/guardian will be permitted to receive it. No one is allowed to be in the lobby during play.

Another visible difference will be the game. The three-on-three games will be shorter in duration.

There will not be any face-offs. Following a goal, the scored-on team will take the puck from their own end and rush the puck once the opposing team has cleared the zone. Stoppages of play will occur when a goalie holds the puck and for penalty shots, which will be awarded in lieu of players serving time in the penalty box. One shot for a minor penalty and two for a major penalty. The game clock will be continuous.

There will be a cleaning period in between groups and everyone except staff must vacate the building until the next time slot. Morissette said it's imperative that parents/guardians arrive early to change and be ready to play at the scheduled times. Once a session has begun the arena doors will be locked. Anyone leaving during a session is not permitted to return.

The Storm have planned their next four weeks with A.J. LaRue Arena as the only venue for October because they were told the new Minden arena is not available and that the Keith Tallman Memorial Arena is not available until December at the earliest. Acknowledging the fluidity of the times, the Storm will reassess their current plan to play in November.

To make this work for the volunteers and players, health and safety is the key, Morissette said.

"Even if it's not COVID, it's not worth coming to the rink and making other kids sick on your team and again it's more about making sure everybody is following those rules and adheres to [them]. It's really difficult. I know that because kids want to play and they want to show up to the rink and they don't want to miss [it], especially if it's the only thing going on for them, but we're really, really stressing to all the adults ... really the adults are sort of the gatekeepers for making sure their children are taking that responsibility to follow the rules."

The small population and low density of Haliburton County is an advantage when compared to larger centres, but that doesn't mean it guarantees immunity.

Everyone's cooperation is needed to seize the opportunity to play organized

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sport. If it doesn't work and the risk to health is apparent, Morissette said, the Storm will be open to stopping the season, if that is recommended.

"We need to look at our opportunity and work with that and let's be cautious and maybe up in these areas we can get to do some of these things, right? That's what I would say, but if it has to shut down then absolutely. It's going to shut down. That won't be our call entirely. That's going to go to someone else to say, 'No, you have to shut that down.'" he said.

He asks parents, guardians and players to be understanding because of the uncertainty of the situation.

"There's no road map for hockey. There's no road map for anything that's going [on] in our community that's dealing with this so we're just trying to plan as best as we can to make it happen. And you know what, if we get out on the ice and we get to skate, in our opinion as an executive that's a success. Under these circumstances it's a success. I can say this, I'm really proud of our executive. I'm so proud of them because the amount of work from the summertime forward that went into this ... I've been on the executive for 15 years and I have never seen as much work go into something so quickly," he said.

In addition to the executive of the Storm, Morissette is thankful to the Municipality of Dysart et al, which includes the A.J. LaRue Arena staff, and recreation co-ordinator Andrea Mueller.

If there is a case that is traced back to someone related to the association, Morissette said it isn't just an issue for them, but everyone in the community and will be handled as such. The Storm would report the case to the OMHA, the OHF and then they would be following the guidelines set out by the public health unit, which would take lead on the next action.

This past weekend the Storm held a virtual meeting. This was an opportunity for parents/guardians to ask the Storm executive questions before coming to the rink for the first time. If parents/guardians missed that opportunity, they can contact the team coaches, or the associations' executive, including Morissette with questions.

Even if all this work seems like a lot for a season that could potentially get cancelled, it's still worth it, Morissette said.

"At least we tried," he said.

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Hydro bills for many cottagers to increase

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Staff Reporter

Many cottage owners will see their electricity bills increase substantially sometime next year.

On Sept. 17, the Ontario Energy Board, the province's energy regulator, upheld a 2015 directive that Hydro One eliminate the seasonal rate classification from its billing system, placing seasonal properties under existing density-based classifications, based on their physical location.

The crux of the OEB's justification for the change is that under the seasonal property classification, seasonal property owners, depending on the location of their properties, do not necessarily pay their fair share in terms of infrastructure and delivery costs.

Seasonal properties will be reclassified as either medium-density (R1) or low-density (R2), and bills for properties that are re-classified as R2 are the ones that will see an increase, of close to \$1,000 per year in some cases, according to Hydro One. Of the approximately 154,000 seasonal properties in Ontario, some 84,000 will be reclassified as R2, and some 70,000 as R1. It's possible that properties in the R1 category will see only small increases, effectively no change, or even small decreases in the size of their bills, depending upon location.

Hydro One had appealed the directive from the OEB and last year submitted an alternate proposal that would have seen bills for R2 properties increase by about \$65 a year. However, that proposal was

rejected by the OEB.

"We are disappointed with the decision by the Ontario Energy Board to eliminate the seasonal rate class for our customers," said Imran Merali, vice-president of customer service at Hydro One. "We advocated for a different solution that would have protected our seasonal customers and reduced the rate impact. We want our customers to rest assured that their rate class won't immediately change. The next step is to submit an updated report on implementing the elimination of the seasonal class to the Ontario Energy Board by October 15, 2020. We will continue to advocate for our customers throughout this process."

It could be another year or so before the changes actually come into effect.

The elimination of the seasonal rate classification was advocated against by a number of organizations, including the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Association.

FOCA executive director Terry Rees told the *Echo* the association was disappointed in the outcome, and that the decision would unfairly impact the pocket-books of many seasonal property owners.

"It's going to bring a fair amount of upset, in budgets," Rees said, adding the association had supported the solution being proposed by Hydro One.

Rees pointed out that seasonal properties were already scheduled to be transitioned to all-fixed rates by 2024, meaning there would have been a minimum rate across all seasonal properties regardless of electricity usage.

"We'll be paying a fixed share no matter how much we use," he said. "That's

already being phased in."

Hydro One offers a Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection program to provide financial assistance to customers in areas where the cost of providing elec-

tricity greatly exceeds the cost of providing it in more densely population areas. However, Rees noted that seasonal residents are not eligible for this program.



An annual gift continues

Fort Irwin Marina owners Brad and Maria Willing donate \$836.35 to Judy MacDuff, treasurer and manager of the 4Cs food bank on Monday, Sept. 28 in Fort Irwin. With COVID-19 and related government regulations earlier in the year, Maria said she and her husband were not sure they would be operating and be able to give their annual charitable donation to a community organization. Once they opened, the owners felt challenged about how to ask the amazing community to help with a fundraising effort during the pandemic not aware of how COVID-19 affected them. The marina raised money by selling non-medical masks for \$1 and then matched what was collected. Funds came from the in-store fundraising as well as from friends who held the ice-out draw (held before COVID-19) and donations in lieu of gifts at pre-COVID dinners. "Thank you everyone for always being so generous," said Brad and Maria. The marina has made a donation to a community organization for the past nine years. /DARREN LUM Staff

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Reconsidering and adapting Thanksgiving and Halloween during second wave

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

Though the fall season brings with it lower temperatures, it generally also brings to mind warm gatherings. But what do those gatherings look like during the COVID-19 pandemic?

The world has been living through the novel coronavirus pandemic for seven months now, and since the beginning of the spread of the virus in Ontario, talk of a second wave greater than the first – as was experienced during the 1918 flu pandemic – has been predicted and forewarned.

Premier declares the beginning of the second wave

Last week, after announcing a record 700 new cases of COVID-19 on Monday, Ontario officially declared the second wave had arrived, with Premier Doug Ford announcing at a Sept. 28 press briefing that health officials had confirmed the second wave, which he said would be “more complicated, more complex” and “worse than the first wave we faced earlier this year.” He pleaded with Ontario residents to be mindful of public health guidelines and download the COVID-19 app, working to reduce possible projected cases, increased hospitalizations and deaths caused by the virus.

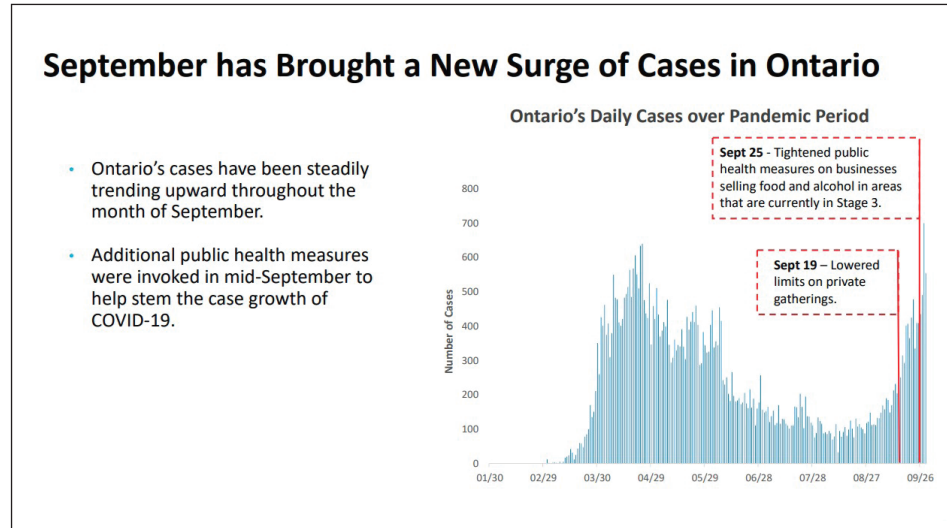
By Friday, with another 723 confirmed cases and more than 90,000 tests backlogged, stricter public health measures were imposed, including the pause of social circles, advising that all Ontarians allow close contact only with people living in their own household and maintain two metres physical distancing from everyone else. A press release issued by the province notes that individuals who live alone may consider having close contact with another household, and said the government is “finalizing additional guidance for seniors (70 and over) on how to minimize their risk of acquiring COVID-19, including for upcoming annual gatherings such as Thanksgiving and Remembrance Day.”

Guidance offered by Haliburton County health-care providers



Dr. Lynn Noseworthy

Haliburton County saw two confirmed cases of COVID-19 last week, the first recorded since Aug. 10. Previously, 15 cases have been reported locally, with all resolved. “Ontario has entered the second wave of COVID-19, so we all need to take additional precautions to flatten the curve and prevent the spread of illness,” local medical officer of health Dr. Lynn Noseworthy told the *Echo*. “Back in the spring, we showed that we could reduce the impact of COVID-19 in Haliburton County and elsewhere by taking preventive measures to reduce the risk of COVID-19. We can do this again – and that’s extra important during the fall/winter months when people will be inside more and when there is additional risk of



illnesses like influenza.”

Noseworthy pointed to the government’s most recent COVID-19 modelling, released last week, that notes Ontario is currently on an upward trajectory similar to what has been experienced in Victoria, Australia and Michigan, U.S., considered peer jurisdictions, with cases currently doubling every 10 to 12 days and forecasting suggesting that Ontario could see around 1,000 cases per day in the first half of this month, and increased patients with COVID-19 in ICU beds each day. The modelling, said Noseworthy, “gives you a better sense of what we could see from COVID-19 going forward depending on people’s actions.”

She noted the same guidance offered by the health unit since March – that residents wash their hands frequently, avoid touching their face, practice physical distancing, wear a mask inside public places, get a flu shot to offer protection against influenza and reduce the strain on the health-care system. Among those guidelines is that people should consider the risks before attending any social gathering and make an informed decision by finding out what COVID-19 precautions are being taken, weighing the potential risks.

“Up here in Haliburton I think we’re well-prepared,” said Dr. Norm Bottum of the Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team. “I think in general local people have been very respectful. I’ve seen a lot of people, most people, wearing masks. People sanitizing their hands, pulling sanitizer out of purses to clean. Businesses have been excellent at maintaining the volume of people going through their businesses. I think we’ve had a great response up here.”

Bottum noted that much has been reported on the spread of COVID-19 throughout the province in private gatherings.

“Private parties is where the risk is greatest,” he said. “People shouldn’t be having indoor private parties, and as we move into the fall it gets a little harder to have outdoor events, and limiting the number of people. I haven’t heard of any of those happening in a significant way in Haliburton County but I have heard of people from Haliburton going to these parties elsewhere, so whether they’ve gone to university or they’ve gone to visit friends in the city and end up at a party. People need to be careful and they need to be careful when they come back to Haliburton.”

While Ontario experienced a relatively normal summer of activity with low confirmed case reports, numbers began increasing in September.

“It’s really been just the last week to 10 days that things are really taking a sudden turn,” said Bottum. “Hopefully, people will sort of say, wait a minute, maybe

things aren’t so safe, and we have those hot spots in Toronto and Peel and Ottawa. Especially if you have family coming and going from those locations, you really have to be concerned, but we know that COVID can be coming from anywhere. We’re only one visit, one party, away from spreading to other areas.”

Events known to take place throughout Haliburton County locally in the fall, including Colourfest, have largely been cancelled.

Think before gathering for Thanksgiving

“Get-togethers with family and friends are a staple at holidays like Thanksgiving,” said Noseworthy. “But during COVID-19, this year’s festivities should be done with extra care and caution.”

Noseworthy stressed the importance of sticking to small gatherings, keeping to social circle guidelines.

“Consider limiting the size of your Thanksgiving gathering to only those people in your immediate household and social circle,” said Noseworthy. “If you’re organizing a Thanksgiving get-together, be open and up front with your guests about what COVID-19 preventive measures you are taking. This can offer reassurances and avoid any surprises when guests arrive at your home. The same goes if you’re attending a Thanksgiving gathering at someone else’s place. Ask what is being done to prevent COVID-19 and make an informed decision on whether it’s safe to go.” She recommended those who couldn’t get together with family staying connected through phone, social media and video-conferencing.

After additional public health measures were announced last week, the health unit reached out to the *Echo* on Oct 5 to add: “When it comes specifically to Thanksgiving celebrations, it may be best to only celebrate the holiday with those in your own immediate household. Consider ‘visiting’ loved ones by calling or video-conferencing them. Think twice about travelling over Thanksgiving, especially to areas with high rates of COVID-19 cases.

As in any other year, Noseworthy reminded residents to consider food safety.

“Ensure turkeys are cooked to a safe internal temperature and be sure to wash hands when preparing, cooking and serving food,” she said.

While in the past, Thanksgiving was generally the first weekend in which university students returned home after leaving to study, Bottum said families need to consider that choice this year.

“I think if families are gathering you have to decide, OK, are we going to do things in a socially distanced manner,

which is difficult to do. Are we going to wear masks around the house, if Johnny has just come back from Montreal or U of T or something, maybe he should wear a mask in the house when he’s here,” said Bottum. “Those are decisions families are going to have to make or face the risk that if their daughter or son has brought something back from university, it could infect the whole house, or run the risk of parents or other family members not working, or ending up in hospital. These are important issues. Do they stay away for Thanksgiving? That’s a possibility.”

Bottum said Easter this year, another time when families traditionally gather for a holiday, saw a quiet weekend in Haliburton County, but noted university students had already come home prior to that, and events and businesses were largely closed.

“I think we’ve been fairly consistent here in terms of encouraging people to watch their bubble, keep their bubble under control, and the bubble is burst once a family member leaves,” said Bottum. “If they’re leaving to go to the city and going back and forth then really they need to be treated just as you’d treat an acquaintance, meeting outside, wearing masks, washing hands. It’s tough when the kids are coming back to stay in their parents’ home for a few nights because how do you isolate them? It’s definitely do-able, over the last six months I know couples that have lived on different floors where one is positive and the other negative, and isolating within the house. [But it’s] not a fun Thanksgiving weekend if you come home and your parents put you in your bedroom. It’s just like when you were a teenager. It might make more sense to stay.”

Noseworthy echoed Bottum’s guidance.

“If you have older children attending college or university who plan to return home for Thanksgiving, speak to them first about what must be done to protect everyone’s health,” she said. “This can be a difficult conversation, but an important one in light of rising COVID-19 cases. Encourage your child in post-secondary studies to stay put and not return home for Thanksgiving if they are feeling sick. Encourage them to curtail social gatherings at school and take extra COVID-19 precautions. This can make a Thanksgiving homecoming happier – and safer – for everyone!”

To trick or treat, or not?

“Unfortunately, Thanksgiving is going to be that way,” said Bottum. “Halloween, I think many communities are talking about cancelling Halloween, that’s a big risk with kids coming and going to your home. I know my home we had close to 100 kids last year. Are they going to allow it but everybody has to wear a face mask? Those are possibilities but I think a lot of people are just going to be leaving their lights off this year, even if Halloween isn’t cancelled. It’s a concern.”

Like so much in 2020 due to COVID-19, Noseworthy said, trick or treating won’t be the same as it has been in previous years.

“Having children go door-to-door for Halloween this year may not be a good idea given the risk of spreading COVID-19,” she said. “It may also be worth reconsidering handing out candy to trick-or-treaters who come to your door.” Instead, Noseworthy said parents and caregivers should consider COVID-19, and limit Halloween celebrations to their own home.

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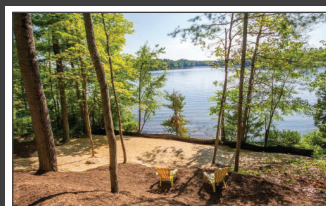
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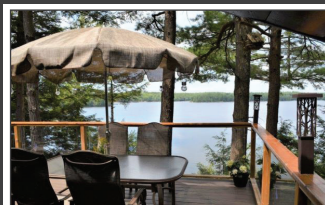
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Public urged to consider their impact on health-care system

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dren and enjoying them at home while you watch a scary movie," she said. "Organize your own 'Halloween-at-home' party and get children to dress up in costume to mark the festivities. Decorate for the season and carve a pumpkin together to display outside."

Noseworthy said the Ontario government is still working on a set of recommendations for Halloween, and the health unit plans to follow its lead. She said the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has released guidelines for having a safer Halloween during COVID-19, which are available at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays.html#halloween.

In September, Ford said in a press briefing that Halloween, and kids trick-or-treating door-to-door, made him nervous. "Let's play it by ear," he said at that time.

Pandemic causing stress, burn-out for health-care workers

The Haliburton testing site has increased hours for testing, from three days to five days, with Bottum saying approximately 200 tests per week can be done here. Bottum said residents locally are waiting about four or five days for results but that health-care professionals were putting great effort into trying to identify cases.

"It is taking its toll on the health-care system," he said. "There is that burn-out on the medical side, so people deciding



Health-care workers wait for a patient at the COVID-19 assessment centre's tent on Tuesday, March 31 at the Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team parking lot in Haliburton in this file photo. Last week, the province made testing in all centres by appointment only. To book an appointment for testing, call the Haliburton County COVID-19 Community Assessment Centre at 705-457-1212 (press 6) during regular business hours./DARREN LUM Staff

to go out for an evening, for a couple of hours, could have huge repercussions on the stress and the demands on the health-care system. Doug Ford can roll out more money but he can't roll out more people, so I want people to be respectful of the health-care system and realize that even though numbers are [low locally], we're basically on guard 24/7 and working hard and some people are getting very stressed and burnt out as a result of this ongoing pandemic, so spending some time to consider the health-care workers would be an important move."

Noseworthy said the rise in COVID-19 cases in recent weeks indicated some people had become lax in following proper COVID-19 prevention measures.

"So it's not a matter of people doing anything new; instead, it's time for all of

us to get back to basics," she said.

Bottum stressed the importance of being diligent in social distancing, washing hands and wearing a mask to reduce the chance of spreading or acquiring COVID-19. He said that "the numbers will pick up in Haliburton County, I have no doubt about that," but also applauded the county's success in keeping case counts low thus far, noting that with the province heading into the fall and winter months come factors that will potentially increase the risk that we will see more cases here than we had in the first wave, but that residents can work to reduce those risks.

"There's a concerted effort and hopefully if we continue to be extra diligent, then we can maybe get the second wave shut down more quickly," said Bottum.

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DATE: October 27, 2020

TIME: Any person who wishes to address Council should contact the Municipal Clerk at mbishop@dysartetel.ca for a delegation time.

LOCATION: The meeting will take place as an electronic meeting only. The meeting will be recorded through the conferencing application and live streamed to YouTube.
Council passed By-law 2020-55 to amend the Municipality of Dysart et al's Procedural By-Law to permit electronic participation in meetings for Council, Local Boards and Committees. **There will not be an in-person meeting; this meeting will be conducted in an electronic format only.**

APPLICATIONS:
The Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al has, by resolution, declared the following parcels of land to be surplus.

Applicant: Pirocchi and MacKinnon
Location: Kennisis Lake Road
- Part of Original Road Allowance between Lots 5 and 6, Concession 3, geographic Township of Havelock on plan of survey 19R-10395, prepared by Coe Fisher Cameron, dated August 20, 2020.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al proposes to consider and if deemed appropriate enact at its meeting as noted above, a by-law to close, stop-up and convey the portion of road allowance described above.

BEFORE PASSING the said by-law, the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al shall at its meeting to be held as noted above, hear in person or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his land will be affected by the said by-law.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION is available for review from the Planning and Land Information Department at the Municipal Office during regular offices hours (8:30 am. to 4:30 pm. Monday to Friday).

DATED at the Township of Dysart, this 6th day of October, 2020.

Jeff Iles,
Director of Planning and Land Information



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT TO ZONING BY-LAW 2005-120 OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL

- DATE:** TUESDAY, October 27th, 2020
- TIME:** 9:05 am
- LOCATION:** TAKE NOTICE THAT THE PUBLIC MEETING FOR ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT WILL TAKE PLACE AS AN ELECTRONIC PUBLIC MEETING ONLY

Application:
Lands of Neville.

- Purpose and Effect:** The proposed amendment will rezone the lands from Extractive Industrial (MX) and Environmental Protection (EP) Zones to Extractive Industrial (MX) and Environmental Protection (EP) Zones in order to accurately delineate the EP Zone on the subject property.
- Location:** Con 7 Pt Lot 3 RP 19R6111 Part 1, Geographic Township of Dysart.

Due to the Covid-19 Emergency, Council passed By-law 2020-35 that amends the Dysart Et Al's Procedural By-Law to permit electronic participation in meetings for Council, Local Boards and Committees. **Therefore, there will not be an in-person meeting; this meeting will be conducted in an electronic format only.**

For more information about electronic meetings and public participation in an electronic meeting, contact the Municipal Clerk at mbishop@dysartetel.ca.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: about this application, including a copy of the draft by-law, is available by contacting Kris Orsan, Senior at korsan@dysartetel.ca.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS MATTER INCLUDING INFORMATION ABOUT APPEAL RIGHTS: Contact the Planning and Land Information Department during regular office hours, Monday to Friday.

Dated at the Township of Dysart, this 6th day of October, 2020.

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War Boy

To mark the 75th anniversary of the end of the Second World War, over the course of eight weeks, the Echo is publishing Haliburton resident Martin Hofland's first-person account of living through the war as a child in Holland, originally published in his book, War Boy. This is the third instalment.

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- CLUES ACROSS

1. Dutch word for “language”

5. Popular music style

8. Body part

11. Largely dry valleys

13. Brew

14. Ancient Greek sophist

15. Where rockers play

16. Human gene

17. One point east of northeast

18. Adversary

20. Small cask or barrel

21. About ear

22. Benign tumors

25. In a different way

30. One charged with a crime

31. Chinese principle underlying the universe

32. Long, narrow straps

33. Passover

38. Ottoman military commander

41. One who does not succeed

43. Data

45. 3D image

47. Whale ship captain

49. Japanese title
- CLUES DOWN

1. Shattered airline

2. Swiss river

3. Port city in Yemen

4. It can be straight

5. Tennis player’s tool

6. Estranged

7. Garden archway

8. Assists

9. Grain crop

10. Millisecond

12. U.S. Founding Father

14. Small, deerlike buffalo

19. Easily manageable

23. Male parent
- CLUES ACROSS

50. Made of wood

55. Yokel

56. Exercise system __-bo

57. Supreme being

59. Playing card with three spots

60. Hostelry

61. Spiritual leader

62. Single lens reflex

63. Time of the 90th meridian, used in the central U.S.

64. Thomas __, American cartoonist
- CLUES DOWN

24. Nearsightedness

25. Patriotic women

26. Decorate a cake with frosting

27. __ fi (slang)

28. A joke rooted in word-play

29. Attack violently

34. Keyboard key

35. __ juris: independent

36. Corporate executive (abbr.)

37. Adult female bird

39. Pertains to knowledge

40. Pashtoes

41. Prefixed title for Italian monks

42. To be fired from a gun

44. A way to position

45. __ process: produces ammonia

46. Follow instructions

47. Humanistic discipline

48. Throw

51. Swiss river

52. American hate group

53. Actor Idris

54. Seizes

58. Baseball stat

Bunker accident

The men in town were forced to build bunkers along the seashore, and when they were completed, we would play on them. One day I fell from the top of a bunker, down three metres into a stairwell. I landed on my head, on the concrete steps,

and that is all that I remember. I was unconscious for two days, and when I woke up I told my mother about a strange experience that I had while unconscious. I fell into a very deep shaft. As my body spiralled down, I saw below me a pool of fire. I screamed “NO, NO,” and suddenly I stopped falling and started to float back up again. When I got to the top, I opened my eyes and saw my mother beside my bed. This was my second strange experience. Well, I had to stay in bed in a dark room for a week to recover from my injuries, but then I was ready for another adventure. In the dunes there were four high steel towers with radio transmitters, used to communicate with the fishing trawlers at sea. The towers were about 120 feet high, and the Germans thought that the towers could be used by the Dutch resistance, to signal German movements and information to England. The Germans got orders to blow them up. They used extensive explosives, and the explosion was so strong that it blew all the doors and windows from the nearby houses. I was only about 600 ft. from the towers when they toppled, and I watched them fall. Pieces of debris fell all around me. I was not hurt. The place was covered with glass and steel. I was walking with bare feet since I only had one pair of shoes, and they were only for school and church. There was simply no money for a second pair of shoes. I had already been walking on bare feet for a long time, and my feet had a thick layer of calluses. It was like leather soles, so the glass did not cut me very badly.

Evacuation

In the year 1943, the German high command ordered our town, Scheveningen to be evacuated within three days. Later, it was extended for more time since it was impossible to move all the people in this short of time period. The coast was to become a defence zone, “The Atlantic Wall,” 35,000 people had to move somewhere else. The news was like a death notice, and it caused chaos and panic. There weren’t enough houses available to shelter that many people, in that short a time, and no transportation, so people moved into churches, schools, stores, or wherever they could find shelter. The Dutch people in the surrounding area helped as much as they could, offering shelter in their homes and sheds, and the Red Cross was working overtime in the hospitals. It was a heartbreaking time for those who could not find shelter for their families. Due to the lack of transportation many people had to leave all their belongings behind and kept only what they could carry on their backs. Many thousands moved to the north of Holland by train. My father, along with many other men, was forced to tear down many of the buildings in the town, so we were allowed to stay longer. The Germans used the bricks to build the bunkers on the dunes. Then my father was working for the Red Cross, so we were one of the last families to leave the town. He had to carry a special *ausweis*, or identity pass. The town very quickly became a “ghost town.” Stores and houses were unlocked, broken into, and looted. For me, it was exciting to wander through the area, but as a child, I did not quite understand the gravity of the situation. There was plenty of stuff left in the houses and merchandise in the stores. I came to an abandoned drug store, and almost everything was still there. There were drugs and chemicals that I did not understand, and I broke bottles of ether and chloroform, without realizing the deadly danger of it. As a young boy I put myself in danger many times because I acted before thinking.

Our first evacuation

About 900,000 people or 10 per cent of the population of Holland lost all they possessed, by bombardments, evacuation, or had been robbed, by the Germans. Eventually even we had to evacuate our home. Our first move was into a mansion that was owned by Jewish people who had been taken away by the Germans. It was on the outskirts of The Hague. We took only our clothes, and a few essentials. The rest was stored somewhere else. We only stayed there for a couple of weeks and were forced to move again, since the whole area became *spergebiet*, a restricted zone. This was our second move, but not the last. During the war we were forced to move 10 times. We were chased from place to place, 10 times in two years, sometimes at gunpoint. Due to all the moves, by the end of the war we had hardly any personal things left, and had to start all over again.

Second evacuation

From The Hague we moved to Bloemendaal, a small community near Loosduinen. It was a row of buildings used as an institute for the mentally ill and disabled people. They had all been removed by the Germans and the building became empty. It very quickly became full, then overflowing and very disorganized. Our family of six was stuffed into a room 2.5 X 3.5 metres. We slept on used mattresses on the floor, and had very little to eat. Because of the chaos, people were under enormous stress. They became angry, and fights broke out.

Third and fourth moves

We did not stay there very long before we made our third move, to another crazy house in Ockenburg. Shortly after that my father was offered a house in the city of Gouda, a large historical city. The house that we moved into was built in the 18th century (in the time of Napoleon). It was an old crackpot of a house. The roof leaked so badly that during rainstorms we had to put pots and pans on the attic floor where we slept. We could actually see the stars through the cracks in the clay roofing tiles. The “outhouse” was inside the house, and believe me, that was no pleasure either. With no insulation, you can imagine how cold the attic was. We only had a couple of blankets which we had to share with the whole family, so I slept under my father’s overcoat. Our parents had a room downstairs.

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Evacuatie Scheveningen 1943

Martin Hofland Evacuated 10 times in 2 years and 8 times by force and gunpoint, during WWII

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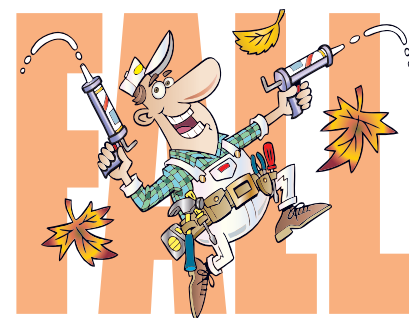
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Renie was born in Hantumhuizen Netherlands Sept. the 3rd 1937. Her whole family immigrated to Canada in 1952 and settled in Ontario. Renie met John Legemaate there and were married June 27th 1959 and settled in Scarborough where Martin and Yvonne were born. Later they moved to Unionville and opened up a paint store. At that time they had already had a plot of land north of Unionville called Muddy Acers where a hobby farm had already started. After moving there the family enjoyed many family picnics, parties and even weddings! John and Renie were always drawn to the beauty of the North and moved to Lochlin where they retired. They enjoyed many years of hobbies, boating and community involvement. Words cannot describe her beautiful life of caring for others and her dedication to our Lord. She impacted many lives with her life, mirroring Jesus by humbly serving others.

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It took Erin Nicholson and Alex and Sarah McMaster five minutes to neatly rake some backyard leaves into a pile - and then two

seconds to create chaos by getting into an old-fashioned leaf fight. Luckily, the leaves provided a handy cushion when they needed a rest from their autumn antics.

Earthquake, tornado warning rattle Highlanders

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

From an earthquake to a threat of tornado, Highlanders had to cope with a lot of Mother Nature's whims over the week-end.

Around four o'clock on Friday afternoon, quite a few Highlanders perceived that the earth truly was moving even though they weren't going anywhere.

"I was sitting on a chair in our bedroom and beside it there's a shelf with dishes on it. First I felt the movement and then the dishes rattled," says Lenore Gillespie of Kashaga Drive just outside of Haliburton village. "My husband Hadden felt it, too."

"It was quite a surprise. You think it couldn't be an earth-

quake but there hadn't been thunder and lightning so it couldn't have been anything else."

Maruja Carpintero was home alone on Drag Lake when it

sounded like someone was walking up her stairs. When the curtain started to shake, "it was really scary."

Yet when she rushed outside to ask people nearby whether

they had felt anything, "they didn't believe me."

(Here at *The Echo* we have to admit to a similar shortcoming

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Maple trees suffering after a dry summer

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

This past summer, the maple trees suffered while the human inhabitants of the Highlands revelled in the continuous days of beautiful sunshine.

Now that it's autumn, people are starting to realize the consequences of their sun worship. Autumn's spectacular show of colour will not be earning a standing ovation from the awe-

struck crowd of people driving along the Highlands' back roads.

Not only did the maples put on their fall coats of colour a little early, but the colours are somewhat muted, flat, and the leaves are falling off earlier than usual. (Saturday night's heavy windstorm didn't help.)

The maples are not enjoying this turn of events, however. Their diminished brightness is a sign that they're under stress,

and if they get another dry year like this one, next year's result could be far more serious than dull autumn colours, says a forester with the Ministry of Natural Resources.

"These are the early signs of hardwood decline," says Peter Hynard, pointing to a maple tree behind the Minden office which is bald but colourful on top, a sign of dieback. "The trees can recover but we'll need a

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